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Chief, School of International

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SUBJECT:

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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

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II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The presence of Robert Amory as a student in the current Introduction to Communism has served to create a certain amount of tenseness on the part of participating staff members, particularly since Mr. Amory frequently adopts a listening posture which looks suspiciously like sleep. However, in those parts of the program in which he has had a particular interest he has been a fairly active participant in the discussion. Since both he and Mr. Critchfield are in the class as military officers I have solicited their comments as to the appropriateness of this course as a two-week active duty tour for reserve officers. Critchfield felt that, although it had weak spots, it was "adequate." Amory stated that it was "marginal" for that purpose, and that he had expected it to be more concerned with "operational" aspects of Communist Parties. Since we are proposing to present Communist Party Organization and Operations as a two-week full time course for the first time next December perhaps we should encourage the reserve group to enroll some of its officers in that as an alternative and as an answer to Amory's comments.

OSI to discuss final arrangements for SIC's special course for OSI next fall. They introduced certain amendments to our proposed schedule which were completely acceptable, such as elimination of a specific coverage of Communist China and a reduction in the amount of time devoted to Communist party activity in favor of more time on specialized aspects of the USSR, and have requested that the course be presented for three hours on Wednesday and Friday mornings beginning about the first of October.

on 3 July and were more than ever impressed with his knowledge of Communist China and his potential usefulness to SIC. It is now planned to use him as a guest speaker in the August Introduction to Communism to give him an opportunity to break in gradually.

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